(b) The Meitei organisations *viz.* People's Liberation Army (PLA), Peoples Revolutionary Party of Kanglcipak (PREPAK), Kanglcipak Communist Party (KCP) and their allied bodies have been declared as 'Unlawful' under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 vide Notification dated 18-10-1985. The State Governments have been requested to utilise provisions of the Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1985 to curb the activities of extremists. Para-military forces have also been placed at the disposal of the State Governments.

Arms smuggling in Gujarat

318. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that foreign arms are being smuggled into Gujarat through coastal lines and border areas, and in other parts of India;

(b) what are the names of the smugglers and their foreign connections political or otherwise arrested during the last theree years; and

(c) what new steps are being worked out by Government to counteract the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be be laid on the Table of the House.

Empanelment of officers for promotion at the Centre

319. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that while some State cadres are heavily represented in the Central Ministries, there are others which have practically no representation at the senior levels, if so, what remedial measures are envisaged to remove this imbalance;

(b) whether the decision for empanelment of officers for promotion in Centre be jointly prepared by the Central Government and the State Governments is being implemented, if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what opportunity is given to those officers who are not included in the panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) *Each State Cadre of the Indian Administrative Service* (IAS) has a Central Deputation Reserve (CDR) representing 40% of the number of senior duty posts of that Cadre. Efforts are always made to ensure that the CDR of each State Cadre is fully utilized and adequate representation of each State Cadre at the different levels at the Centre is achieved. However, as each senior post at the Centre is filled with due regard to its job requirements and the qualifications/ experience of all eligible officers available at the time the vacancy arises, it is not always possible to achieve representation of each Cadre to the desired level. However, a fair and balanced representation for all Cadres is one of the objectives kept in mind while making postings.

(b) As part of the on-going administrative reforms tke feasibility of having a common assessment of suitability of IAS officers for senior posts both at the Centre and in the States is being examined. No decision has been taken so far.

(c) At present, there is a system of empanelment of IAS officers for appointment to posts at the level of Joint Secretary and above. IAS officers who are not empanelled for appointment to posts at a particular level at the Centre, cannot be appointed to such posts till they are empanelled. Such officers could however, continue in their own Cadres.